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ON RHODESIA

REF: CAPE TOWN 0751

1. THIS AFTERNOON HAWKING PROVIDED ADDITIONAL OWEN-SMITH MESSAGES
FOLLOWING ON THOSE REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. OWEN MESSAGE TO SMITH (MAY 11):

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE WHICH HAWKINS CONVEYED
YESTERDAY THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR IN CAPE TOWN.

"I WELCOME YOUR STATEMENT THAT YOU INEND TO CO-OPERARTE
FULLY WITH MR. GRAHAM AND HIS COLLEAGUES. THEY DO, INDEED,
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"I CAN UNDERSTAND, BUT DO NOT ENDORESE, YOUR APPREHEN-
SIONS ABOUT MR. NKOMO'S ATTITUDE. HE IS FULLY AWARE THAT
I AM NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT UNREASONABLE CONDITIONS FROM
ANYBODY: AND HE HAS AGREED TO TAKE PART IN THE BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS WHICH JOHN GRAHAM, WORKING WITH A SENIOR US
OFFICIAL, WILL SHORTLY BE INITIATING. BUT WE NEED TO
REMEMBER THT MR. NKOMO, LIKE ALL OF US, HAS HIS OOWN
CONSTITUENCY TO CONSIDER.

"I NOTE THAT YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE POSSIBLE
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IMMINENCE OF A MAJO ZAPU ATTACK ON RHODESIA, LAUNCHED
FROM ZAMBIA. I HAVE DRAWN YOUR REMARKS TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES. IN DOING SO, I HAVE MADE IT
CLEAR THT ESALATION OF THE FIGHTING BY EITHER SIDE
COULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES."

3. SMITH REPLY (MAY 13):

"THANK YOUR FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 11TH MAY RECEIVED
THROUGH OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CAPE TOWN.

"I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR DRAWING MY REMARKS TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES AND FOR WARNING
AGAINST ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING.

"WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UN DECOLONISATION COMMITTEE,
MR. SALIM, ARRIVED AT MAPUTO FOR THE FORTHCOMING
CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA HE IS REPORTED AS CALLING FOR AN
INTENSIFICATION OF THE WAR AGAINST RHODESIA. I HOPE THAT
YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL CONVEY THE
SAME WARNING AGAINST ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING."
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